



## CONTEST DESCRIPTION

**Competition Date:** Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**Competition location:** Holland College – Prince of Wales Campus

**Trade Name:** Photography

**Level:** Intermediate

### 1. CONTEST INTRODUCTION

**Purpose of the Challenge:**

The Skills Canada PEI Intermediate Photography competition is designed to test Student's knowledge in the area of photography, at the same time, help identify and prepare students who may excel to the next levels of Provincial and National competitions.

**Skills and Knowledge to be tested:**

Students will be expected to showcase their skills with operating a camera, editing software, as well as knowledge in the following areas:

- Composition – visual elements, style, balance and harmony, framing, Depth of Field (DoF)
- Technical – focus, exposure, use of light and tonal range
- Impact – overall impression of the photograph, does it tell a story

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**Mini-Lesson:** A short rundown on identifying good and bad lighting and achieving proper exposure, as these can be challenging but essential skills to master early on in photography.

**Contest Tasks Include:**

#### A. Mystery Object

**Objective:** Choose a "mystery object" from options like crayons, fake flowers, or a maple leaf. The goal is to capture a photo that creatively highlights the object in an interesting way. This encourages the student to focus on framing, texture, and detail to make the object visually appealing.



### **B. Lighting Challenge**

**Objective: Take two photos of the same subject, one using natural lighting and the other with artificial lighting. This challenge is designed to test the student's ability to adapt to different lighting conditions.**

### **C. Patterns in the Environment**

**Objective: Observe and capture a pattern found in the environment. This challenge emphasizes creativity and composition by encouraging the student to notice repeating shapes, textures, or colors around them.**

## **3. EQUIPMENT, MATERIAL, CLOTHING**

### Equipment and Material supplied by Skills Canada-PEI

- A desk space and chair in a quiet classroom area
- USB Memory Stick / Jump Drive will be provided by Skills Canada PEI to each competitor to save their photos in order to submit. Students will copy their photos to the USB Memory Stick / Jump drive and hand in to the Committee before end of the competition. Note: there will be no Internet Access permitted

### Equipment and Material Competitor must supply:

- A DSLR or Mirrorless Camera or equivalent. Camera should allow students to change exposure settings manually (i.e. Shutter Speed, Aperture and ISO) with any applicable cables required to connect camera to your device (PC/Laptop) to download photos.
- Fully charged battery(s) for camera
- Memory Card and if required Memory Card reader (other option is to download photos directly from Camera.
- PC/Laptop used for editing and preparing photos for submission. Students must be able to submit photos in JPG format, we will provide a USB stick, students must be able to copy photos to the USB memory stick / Jump drive to submit photos.

### Optional Equipment and Material Competitor may bring:

- Tripod
- External Flash
- Reflector



## **SAFETY REQUIREMENTS**

The health, safety and welfare of all individuals involved with Skills Canada PEI are of vital importance. Safety is a condition of participation and shall not be sacrificed for the sake of expediency. At the discretion of the judges and technical committees, any competitor can be denied the right to participate should they not have the required proper safety equipment and/or act in an unsafe manner that can cause harm to themselves or others.

## **4. EVALUATION/JUDGING CRITERIA**

Point Breakdown

POINT BREAKDOWN	/100
<b>One (1) Mystery Object Photo</b>	<b>/25</b>
<b>Two (2) Lighting Challenge Photos</b>	<b>/50</b>
<b>One (1) Patterns in the Environment Photo</b>	<b>/25</b>

Judging Criteria

Photos will be judged based on adherence to theme, use of composition, technique (good use of shutter speed, aperture, ISO) and overall creativity of photos.

## **5. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

**Tie (No ties are allowed)**

Ties will be broken by the higher creativity mark.

### **Competition Rules**

Please refer to the competition rules for all general SCPC information.

- Photography competitors to remain in the building at all times during competition times. Students are not allowed to leave the building.
- Photography competitors are not to interfere with competitors taking part in other competitions.
- Photography competitors are to perform all tasks themselves. Receiving assistance from anyone other than another photography competitor will result in disqualification.
- All files must be saved in .JPEG format and named accordingly and submitted on time.
- Photography competitors are not allowed to use Generative AI during the competition.
- Any files/photos submitted after the allotted contest time will be automatically disqualified and will not be judged.



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